

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO ACTION PLAN PROGRAM YEAR 2011-2012 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

Executive Summary

The City of Jackson is preparing a substantial amendment to its FY 2011 -2012 Action Plan for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive the second allocation of funding. Specifically, there were two funding allocations for the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant program. The City of Jackson's first allocation of \$109,573 is subject to the Emergency Shelter Grant Program regulations. The City of Jackson's second allocation of \$61,635 must be exclusively used for homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and Administration. An approved substantial amendment will allow ESG allocations in the future Consolidated Planning process.

Background Information

The Emergency Solutions Grant program changes are a result of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). The HEARTH Act, enacted into law on May 20, 2009, consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program, and revises the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renames it as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care planning process, a longstanding part of HUD's application process to assist homeless persons by providing greater coordination in responding to their needs. The change in the program's name from Emergency Shelter Grants to Emergency Solutions reflects the change in the program's focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City of Jackson amended its 2008 Consolidated Plan to receive \$1,031,154 of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) from HUD. This temporary program, HPRP provided financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program were intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds provided a variety of assistance including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance and case management. The new regulations for the ESG program, which is a permanent program is patterned after the HPRP. Therefore, HPRP activities can continue and ensure continuity between HPRP and ESG.

Proposed Activities and Funding – Second Allocation \$61,635

The Partners to End Homelessness (PTEH), Continuum of Care for Hinds County is a collaborative body of agencies working to address the issues of homelessness in the community. PTEH has been working with the City of Jackson regarding the substantial amendment for ESG. There have been discussions regarding the CoC's funding priority for the ESG second allocation. Essentially, the CoC examined the existing HPRP and community needs to determine the funding needed in each category. Based on past practices of the HPRP, it was determined that there was a greater need to provide rapid re-housing vs. homelessness prevention assistance. Therefore, the CoC proposed the funding allocation as follows:

\$20,345 Homelessness Prevention; \$33,900 Homeless Assistance or Rapid Re-housing; Administrative Activities \$4,620 and HMIS \$2,770.

ACTIVITY TYPE	OBLIGATED AMOUNT
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE (RAPID RE-HOUSING)	\$33,900.00
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION	\$20,345.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$4,620.00
HMIS	\$2770.00
TOTAL FY 2011 AWARD SECOND ALLOCATION	\$61,635.00

The proposed activities will pattern those of the HPRP which includes financial assistance with rent, utility costs, moving costs, etc. for homeless persons or people at risk of homelessness to keep them in housing or to assist them with finding a place to live. Service providers will focus on linking the client with the appropriate community resources (such as housing, counseling, home maintenance/repair, job training and education programs) to assist with preventing future housing instability. In addition, program participants will be provided an array of services to assist them with housing stabilization and placement. All program participants will have case management to assist them with counseling, developing a stabilization plan, etc. All participants will be monitored and evaluated. Also, the City of Jackson will continue to work with state and local social service agencies to provide housing and supportive housing services for the homeless and people at risk of homelessness.

FY 2011 DETAILED BUDGET TABLE					
First Allocation	\$109,573.00	<div>FY 2011</div> <div>Emergency Shelter Grant/Emergency Solutions Grant</div> <div>Program Allocation</div>			
Second Allocation	\$61,635.00				
Grant Amount	\$171,208.00				
Total Administration	\$4,622.00				
			First Allocation	Second Allocation	Total Fiscal Year 2011
	Eligible Activities	Activity Amount	Reprogrammed Amount	Activity Amount	Activity Amount
Emergency Shelter Grants Program	Homeless Assistance		\$0.00		
	Rehab/Conversion				
	Operations	\$109,573.00			\$109,573.00
	Essential Services				
	Homelessness Prevention				
	Administration				\$0.00
	Emergency Shelter Grants Subtotal	\$109,573.00			\$109,573.00
Emergency Solutions Grants Program	Emergency Shelter**				
	Renovation**				
	Operation**				
	Essential Services**				
	URA Assistance**				
	Street Outreach – Essential Services**				
	HMIS			\$2,770.00	\$2,770.00
	Rapid Re-housing			\$33,900.00	\$33,900.00
	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services				
	Tenant Based Rental Assistance				
	Project Based Rental Assistance				
	Homeless Prevention			\$20,345.00	\$20,345.00
	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services				
	Tenant Based Rental Assistance				
	Project – Based Rental Assistance				
	Administration			\$4,620.00	\$4,620.00
	Emergency Solutions Grant Subtotal			\$61,635.00	
			Total Grant Amount:		\$171,208.00

** Allowable only if the amount obligated for homeless assistance activities using funds from the first allocation is less than the expenditure limit for emergency shelter and street outreach activities (see Section III. B. of this notice).